



Tom Barrett
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

Dear City Employees:

The lighting of the City/County Christmas tree last week officially kicked-off the yuletide season. During the holidays, it is important to remember our troops serving abroad. With this in mind, I ask you to help our troops by giving to the 2nd ***City of Milwaukee Christmas Care Package Drive*** for Wisconsin troops serving overseas.

Last year, with the generosity of City of Milwaukee employees, businesses and residents, more than 80 boxes of goodies were shipped to the Wisconsin Army National Guard, Troop E, 105th Cavalry serving in Iraq. Two very special city employees made last year's success possible. As you can imagine shipping 82 boxes was costly. **Richard Pollack** and **Paul Rembalski** – two longtime employees of the DPW – dug deep into their pockets to cover nearly half of our shipping expenses ensuring every package and donated item reached our soldiers. Their generosity highlights Milwaukee's giving spirit.

This year, the ***City of Milwaukee Christmas Care Package Drive*** will benefit the 128th Refueling Wing, Wisconsin Air National Guard currently stationed in Afghanistan – including 32 servicemen and women from Milwaukee. These troops were deployed in July and will be away from loved ones this holiday season. With your generosity, we can help brighten their holiday and say 'thank you' for serving our country.

See the attached flyer for complete details. Gifts and monetary donations to cover the anticipated \$3,000 shipping cost will be collected at the Mayor's Office - City Hall, Room 201 – until **Wednesday, December 10, 2008**. I encourage you to coordinate a collection within your department. Questions can be directed to Katie Headley at kheadl@milwaukee.gov or Brooke VandeBerg at bvande@milwaukee.gov or 286-2200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Barrett".

Tom Barrett
Mayor